

2016 Maine Artist Fellowship Award Winner

Susan Conley, Literary Arts

Susan grew up in midcoast Maine and now lives in Portland. She is the author of a memoir and a novel, as well as articles for publications ranging from *The New York Times* to the *Paris Review*. Her 2011 work, *The Foremost Good Fortune*, traces the story of her family's years in Beijing. The book was an Oprah Magazine "Top Ten Pick," and the winner of the Maine Literary Award for Memoir. Susan's 2013 novel, *Paris Was the Place*, garnered, among other awards, a People Magazine "Top Pick" and a Slate Magazine "Summer Read."

Susan was also the co-founder and founding Executive Director of The Telling Room, a nonprofit in Portland whose central belief is that giving children the chance to write their stories changes lives and communities. She currently serves as board chair.

*Susan Conley's new work in development is titled ►
We Can't Stop Kissing One Another.*

